



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Wet Conditions Setback Planting

With rain showers in midweek and hot, dry conditions to end the week, Maryland farmers were able to spend an average of **4.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending June 10<sup>th</sup>. While many took advantage of the dry days for activities such as planting soybeans and commencing barley harvest, it was reported that some farmers are now two weeks behind in planting crops due to the recent wet weather trend. For example, **cucumbers, snap beans, cantaloupes**, and **sweet corn** plantings are 18 percent, 15 percent, 14 percent, and 3 percent behind the five year average respectively.

Corn and soybeans continue to emerge with the majority of both rated in fair to good condition. **Soybeans** are 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Corn** is rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Topsoil and subsoil have gradually been restored to adequate and surplus levels due to the recent rains. **Topsoil moisture** is currently rated 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 16 surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is 5 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, turned	93	73	99	98
Barley, harvested	14	- -	33	23
Rye, turned	42	34	64	63
Rye, harvested	30	20	43	27
Winter Wheat, turned	28	15	66	46
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	80	71	94	94
Cucumbers	55	49	65	73
Lima Beans	45	40	30	46
Snap Beans	60	55	77	75
Soybeans	55	46	55	48
Sweet Corn	88	78	94	91
Watermelons	66	48	79	91
Fruit Crops:				
Strawberries, harvested	68	34	85	63
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	74	60	76	68
Other hay, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	13	- -	9	8
Alfalfa, 1st cutting	83	79	84	83
Alfalfa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	19	6	12	11

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	0	12	44	40	4
Winter Wheat	0	12	35	46	7
Rye	0	3	48	46	3
Corn	2	8	45	39	6
Soybean	1	7	47	43	2
Range & Pasture	1	3	28	53	15

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